

YOUNG WELFARE LEAGUE  
OF  
NEW JERSEY.

May 10, 1917

The fourteenth meeting of the friendly visitors Committee was held on the above date. Mrs. Brown presided.

Present: Mrs. Christmas, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Oliver, Mr. P. Brown, Mrs. Marquis, Mrs. Green, Miss Robinson, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Harkish, Rev. Stubblebine, Dr. Lusk, Mrs. Douglas, Mrs. Koller, Miss Margaret Knight, Miss Pennington and Miss Conley.

PLACE: Miss Conley reports that goods have been weighed. \$25.00 is the lowest price that can be made. Woman wants very much to go home. Miss Robinson reports that a letter came from the South saying that Emma has been planted on her property and that people want her to come home. Hopes to have money sent from home. Suggested that we wait until she hears from home and help her to go back.

WHEELER: Delay about getting children in school. must be vaccinated

WHEELER: Mrs. Christmas reports that little girl is sick. They have found no room as yet.

WHEELER: Conley reports settlement at office. he secured garden work last week, but not make much money because of the rain. Will continue work in the Clinton Ave. neighborhood.

WHEELER: report.

WHEELER: Mrs. Scott reports woman improving, still in hospital.

WHEELER: Miss Pennington will report to Savannah society that man is at home.

WHEELER: No report from Mrs. Street.

WHEELER: Miss Robinson reports woman is in Beta Israel Hospital.

WHEELER: Mrs. Douglas reports calling on Duncan but man was not home. woman did not keep appointment to go to dispensary. Will try again.

WHEELER: Miss Robinson reports a letter received telling of the burial of boy and burial. The grandson has secured work \$28.00 month. The woman has two boys work and a cousin who is living in town is earning \$2.00 a day. Are trying to pay debts.

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ANDERSON: Mrs. Monroe reports family will leave for Pittsburg on Saturday where man has relatives.

RIVERS: Mrs. Gratten reports by phone the family took luncheon with her last Saturday. They are getting along nicely. Man is working in a Nursery in Maplewood earning \$2.50 a day. Expects to get a house and move family this week. Children are all in school except the baby.

KIGHT AND WILLIAMS. Mrs. Moran has no report this week. Miss C. received letter from Mrs. Knight saying they have received goods.

Peterson, Ada: Roseville District reports woman's health improving. Mr. Spitz still trying to find the place for them in the country.

Patterson: Hattie: Family are trying to get along without going to relatives. want to get enough money for Mother-in-law to go home. Report from Roseville District.

MORRIS: Gardener: Butler: Mrs. Christmas reports there has been illness but all are improving.

WALKER & BROWN: No report. Mrs. Hilten not present.

CORRETT: Mrs. Marquis reports children have measles.

MATHIS: Mrs. Marquis reports measles. Woman has been very lonely.

WANDERVOR: Mrs. Richardson report Cecil is very low and asks to see his brother.

DUNN: Mr. Colby reports that case is now in the hands of the Chancellor. Bishop Lines and Mr. Colby say \$500. is all they are going to give to settle the case.

FOX: Mrs. Richardson reports family are doing so well they do not need her.

MURRAY: Mrs. Monroe reports family are now living at 80 Nesbitt St., four clean rooms. Expect to send for mother this week. The home on Orange St. where young Murrays live are in bad condition. Mrs. Monroe saw landlord and told him she will report to Board of Health if necessary repairs are not made.

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ACKLAND: 66 S. 14th St. Roseville District reports family  
leading friendly visit. Mrs. Gregory will visit.

Mr. Richardson reported three times this week to Municipal  
Employment Bureau encouraging girls looking for work. Reports  
improvement in their appearances. Investigated cigar factory  
thinks conditions fairly good and girls happy. Thinks girls  
need encouragement. Suggest a visitor for factory.

Miss Pendleton reports receiving \$10.00 for the sociable. Mrs.  
Street reports the Southern friends will furnish the entertain-  
ment on Monday night.

Mr. Street reports that four Southern families that one is inter-  
ested in were present at the Mass Meeting.

Mr. Green reports progress in the families she has been visiting  
she has helped to go to Millington with a minister. In the  
other families the boys are working and saving money.

Letter from Mr. Valentine was read telling of opportunities for  
boys and girls at the school in Bradenton.

Miss Knight, welfare worker at Maas & Walstein factory was pre-  
sent and joined the League. She offers to co-operate and help  
in every way she can. Will attend meeting as often as possible.  
Suggested that visitors urge their families to screen windows.

Mass Meeting in Orange referred to Executive Committee. Mr.  
Street to make arrangements.

The sewing committee have returned a skirt and one child's dress  
modeled.

At the close of the meeting Mrs. Green tendered her resignation as  
chairman of the committee. Regretting her inability to retain  
the office as she will not be able to attend regularly. Will  
remain as a worker and keep in touch with the families.

Mrs. Green's resignation accepted with regrets.

NEGRO WELFARE LEAGUE  
Executive Committee  
Meeting.

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Present: Dr. D.W. Lusk, Miss Virginia Robinson, Rev. Albert Tubbelbine, Mrs. E. Gregory, Mr. A.W. MacDougall, Miss E.B. Pendleton, Rev. Osmond Brown, Mr. A.W. Stewart, Mrs. W.J. Green, Mr. O.N. Bonfield and 15 R.D. Brown.

Minutes of the last meeting of the Executive committee was read and approved.

Miss Pendleton read from a news paper clipping the financial report that \$300.00 were in hand and that there were outstanding bills of \$90.00. The report which was read at the meeting on April 23rd was to be attached to the minutes. It was moved, seconded and carried that the printing bills for the Mass Meeting be approved and paid.

Mr. Bonfield was asked to make a report in regard to the rent and gas stove at 144 Livingston St. Mr. Bonfield reports that the rooms had been used as an annex where nothing was stored and that a gas stove costing \$36.00 was bought to use in these rooms. The stove was bought with the understanding that \$3.00 a month was to be paid on it. He stated that he did not receive authority from the Executive committee for this but understood from the previous meetings and conversation that these outstanding bills were to be paid by the League. The Christian Union League paid one month's rent of \$6.00 in December and \$2.00 for heat. Since that time no payments have been made on the rent or stove. Mr. E. further stated that it was the idea to have branches of the League started and that these rooms would be one of the branches. It was decided at the meeting in Rev. C.F. Loner's Church that the rooms on Livingston St. continue the service of the League if other rooms could not be found.

Miss Pendleton stated that clothing had been sent to these rooms from 249 Mulberry St. and 13 Central Ave. because it seemed easier to distribute them from these points but no time was it understood that a separate branch of the Negro Welfare League should be started at 144 Livingston St.

Rev. Osmond Brown stated that inasmuch as the stove was purchased on Jan. 13th and the Negro Welfare League was organized until Jan. 22nd the debt was not a legal one.

Mr. R.D. Brown stated that the reports had been received from Mr. Bonfield at each meeting and it seemed a moral obligation to settle for these debts in some way.

Miss Pendleton moved and Mr. R.D. Brown seconded that \$10.00 be paid for five months rent from January through May, for two rooms at 144 Livingston St. This was carried.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the Negro Welfare League shall not be responsible for any other debts contracted for social work at 144 Livingston St.

Mr. Stubbeltine stated that he had interviewed the Public Service Gas Co. who are willing to take the stove back. Rev. Camond Brown moved that the stove be returned. This was seconded and carried.

Miss Pendleton moved that the \$30.00 appropriated for the payment of the rent should come only from donations and not from membership dues paid into the League.

Rev. R. D. Brown thought the debt should be paid immediately and that it would make very little difference as long as the money is on hand. Withdrew his objection upon learning that a sufficient sum is on hand for such payment and that it can be made immediately.

Miss Pendleton reports that Mr. Valentine of Bordentown sent a letter reporting that the boys and girls can receive training at his school for \$7.00 a month. Mr. Stewart moved that the matter be referred to the friendly visitor's Committee, which was seconded and carried.

It was moved seconded and carried that a Mass Meeting be arranged for in Orange and that Mr. J. W. Faust be appointed chairman, and that the following persons in Orange and Montclair be on the committee:

Dr. G.W. Alexander  
Mr. J. M. Vandervall  
Mr. A.V. Miller  
Mrs. Jacob Street  
Mr. J.E. Sadler, N.J. Observer, Montclair  
Miss A. L. Brown-Montclair.

Mr. MacDougall's report for the Housing Committee was that he is endeavoring to persuade the New Jersey Housing Association to make a study of Negro housing in Newark.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

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